

TOWN OF NEW HARTFORD
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
SENIOR CENTER/TOWN HALL
NOVEMBER 6, 2014

A special town meeting of the electors and citizens qualified to vote in town meeting of the Town of New Hartford, Connecticut, was held in the New Hartford Town Hall, 530 Main Street, in the Town of New Hartford, Connecticut on Thursday, November 6, 2014 at 7:00PM.

First Selectman Dan Jerram called the meeting to order at 7:03PM. First Selectman Jerram opened the floor to nominations for Moderator. Motion Jim Jerram to nominate Reggie Smith as Moderator. Reggie Smith declined the nomination and nominated Alesia Kennerson. Motion to nominate Alesia Kennerson seconded by Jim Steadman. First Selectman Jerram asked if there are any further nominations. Motion Daria Hart, second Bob Howson to close nominations. Motion to close nominations unanimously approved by voice vote. First Selectman Jerram then called for a voice vote on the motion to nominate Alesia Kennerson for Moderator. Motion unanimously approved.

Moderator Kennerson stated that copies of the Notice of Special Town Meeting /Notice of Referendum (Attachment 1) are available for all members of the public and if there are no objections, the reading of the call of the meeting will be waived. She asked if there were any objections to waiving the reading of the Call?

Hearing no objections, Moderator Kennerson proceeded to read the Return of Notice:

RETURN OF NOTICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT on October 30, 2014, I left a duplicate of the attached warning and notice of a special town meeting and referendum of the Town of New Hartford, Connecticut, with Donna N. LaPlante, its Town Clerk.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that I caused a copy of said warning and notice to be published in the HARTFORD COURANT, a newspaper having a general and substantial circulation in the Town of New Hartford, on October 30, 2014.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that on October 30, 2014, I caused to be set upon the signpost of other exterior place nearest the office of the Town Clerk a written copy of said warning and notice signed by the Town Clerk.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that all of the above acts were done at least five days before the holding of said town meeting on November 6, 2014.

Daniel V. Jerram
First Selectman

ITEM 1

Moderator Kennerson announced that the Board of Selectmen, on their own initiative, pursuant to Section 7-7 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended have removed the resolution to be presented under item 1 of the Notice of Special Town Meeting to referendum vote; therefore the Town Meeting will be adjourned to referendum after the introduction and discussion of the resolution, and the conclusion of any other business before this Town Meeting.

Moderator Kennerson stated that copies of the Resolution approving an appropriation and borrowing authorization for renovations and improvements to the Ann Antolini School (Attachment 2) are available for all members of the public and if there are no objections, the reading of full text of the resolution will be waived. Moderator Kennerson asked if there were any objections to waiving the reading of the Resolution.

Hearing no objections, Moderator Kennerson asked for a motion to move the resolution for adoption. Motion Ken Krohner, second Reggie Smith to move the resolution for adoption.

Daria Hart asked if this closes discussion. Moderator Kennerson said it would not.

Reggie Smith asked if adopting the resolution would be approving the appropriation and Moderator Kennerson said it would not.

Moderator Kennerson announced the following actions on this resolution by the various Boards and Commissions prior to tonight's meeting: The Planning and Zoning Commission reported favorably with respect to the referral of the project to the Commission pursuant to Section 8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes at a meeting held on October 22, 2014. (Attachment 4)

The Board of Selectmen approved the Resolutions of the Board of Selectmen regarding the appropriation of funds and the authorizations to issue bonds or notes to finance the renovations and improvements to Ann Antolini School at their regularly scheduled meeting on October 28, 2014. (Attachment 5)

The Board of Finance approved the Resolutions of the Board of Finance regarding the appropriation of funds and the authorizations to issue bonds or notes to finance the renovations and improvements to Ann Antolini School at a special meeting of the Board of Finance held on November 3, 2014. (Attachment 6)

Moderator Kennerson opened the meeting for discussion of the resolution.

Daria Hart asked about item 5 of the resolution regarding the Federal Income Tax Regulation. She did not think that had appeared in our prior bonding language. Dan Jerram responded that the resolution was crafted by our bonding attorney and this language allows us the most flexibility regarding the transfer of funds.

Maria Moore questioned why item 1 of the resolution does not require the recommendation of the Building Committee. Dan Jerram said the language is based on Bond Counsel recommendations. Maria wants to be sure of building committee input.

Reggie Smith said this question came up at the Board of Finance meeting on November 3rd. At that meeting Board of Finance Chairman Ben Witte had provided a very good answer and since he was present at this meeting Reggie Smith asked him to please repeat it. Ben Witte reiterated that the buyers of bonds want accountability from the party that is financially responsible, and that

is the Board of Selectmen. Daria Hart agreed that the Board of Selectmen have statutory financial obligations which the building committee does not. Dan Jerram said the Board of Selectmen is the funding authority for the project. Reggie Smith asked if the building committee would continue to be involved throughout the project, and First Selectman Jerram responded "Yes".

David Krimmel pointed out that the resolution does not take into account the state reimbursement. The resolution allows the town to borrow up to the full amount. First Selectman Jerram said the initial BANS would be for the construction and the bond would be for the net, after reimbursement.

Maria Moore said the Building Committee had been authorized at Town Meeting.

Daria Hart said although this is a large expense these are necessary improvements that will only cost more later and it is important to maintain our buildings. Dan Jerram said the timing is good now as the Town Hall Bond will be paid off about when the school project will be complete. Currently the payments on the Town Hall Bond are running about \$250,000 per year. This project will cost about \$280,000 per year. Maureen Jerram asked when the Town Hall bond will be paid off and Dan Jerram replied the 2018 -2019 fiscal year.

Motion Carlene Jerram, second Jim Jerram to close discussion on Item 1.
Unanimously approved.

ITEM 2

Moderator Kennerson announced that the Board of Selectmen, on their own initiative, pursuant to Section 7-7 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended have removed the resolution to be presented under item 2 of the Notice of Special Town Meeting to referendum vote; therefore the Town Meeting will be adjourned to referendum after the introduction and discussion of the resolution, and the conclusion of any other business before this Town Meeting.

Moderator Kennerson stated that copies of the Resolution approving an appropriation and borrowing authorization for replacement Carpenter Road Bridge (Attachment 3) are available for all members of the public and if there are

no objections, the reading of full text of the resolution will be waived. Moderator Kennerson asked if there were any objections to waiving the reading of the resolutions.

Hearing no objections to waiving the reading of the resolution, Moderator Kennerson asked for a motion to move the resolution for adoption. Motion Bob Howson, second Ben Witte to move the resolution for adoption.

Moderator Kennerson announced the following actions on this resolution by the various Boards and Commissions prior to tonight's meeting: The Planning and Zoning Commission reported favorably with respect to the referral of the project to the Commission pursuant to Section 8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes at a meeting held on October 22, 2014. (Attachment 4)

The Board of Selectmen approved the Resolutions of the Board of Selectmen regarding the appropriation of funds and the authorizations to issue bonds or notes to finance the replacement of the Carpenter Road Bridge at their regularly scheduled meeting on October 28, 2014. (Attachment 5)

The Board of Finance approved the Resolutions of the Board of Finance regarding the appropriation of funds and the authorizations to issue bonds or notes to finance the replacement of the Carpenter Road Bridge at a special meeting of the Board of Finance held on November 3, 2014. (Attachment 6)

Moderator Kennerson opened the meeting for discussion of the resolution. David Krimmel commended the Board of Selectmen and 1st Selectman and others involved on the entire effort to present the information to the public and give the public opportunity to comment. He felt it was the best he had seen.

Motion Jim Jerram second Reggie Smith to close discussion. Unanimously approved.

Item 3.

Moderator Kennerson asked for a motion to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that in accordance with the Notice, this town meeting be adjourned to referendum vote on the resolutions considered pursuant to items 1 and 2 of the Notice to be held on Thursday, November 20, 2014 between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Motion Denton Butler, second Ken Krohner to approve the resolution.

Moderator Kennerson announced that in accordance with the Notice, this town meeting is adjourned to a referendum vote. Electors residing in Voting District 1 shall vote at the New Hartford Town Hall, 530 Main Street in New Hartford. Electors residing in Voting District #2 shall vote at the South End Fire House, 20 Antolini Road in New Hartford. Voters qualified to vote at town meetings who are not electors shall vote at their respective polling places. Absentee ballots will be available from the Town Clerk's office at the New Hartford Town Hall. The resolutions would be placed upon the voting tabulators or paper ballots under the following headings:

"SHALL THE TOWN OF NEW HARTFORD APPROPRIATE \$4,751,000 FOR COSTS RELATED TO RENOVATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO ANN ANTOLINI SCHOOL AND AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION?"

"SHALL THE TOWN OF NEW HARTFORD APPROPRIATE \$759,000 FOR COSTS RELATED TO REPLACEMENT OF THE CARPENTER ROAD BRIDGE AND AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION?"

Voters approving each resolution will vote "Yes" and those opposing said resolution will vote "No."

Moderator Kennerson declared the town meeting adjourned to referendum at 7:35PM.

A True Copy

Attest: Donna N. LaPlante, Town Clerk